

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application is a 35 U.S.C. §§ 371 national phase conversion of PCT/CH2002/000583 filed 28 October 2002. The PCT International Application was published in the German language.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The invention refers to a plant-based construction material ~~according to the preamble of claim 1~~. The invention further refers to said plant-based construction material and objects that are produced from this construction material.

Please add the following section heading at page 4, line 5:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to the invention, this object is attained by the construction material ~~defined in claim 1~~ whereas the dependent claims indicate preferred implementations described below.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 30, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

Further details, characteristic features and advantages of the method of the invention and of the construction materials produced therewith will be apparent from the following description of exemplary embodiments.